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1 BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 2 3 **MARC SPITZER** Chairman 4 JIM IRVIN 5 Commissioner Arizona Gerperation Commission 6 DOCKETED WILLIAM A. MUNDELL U 7 Commissioner MAR 2 8 2003 MIKE GLEASON 8 Commissioner DOCKETED BY 9 JEFF HATCH-MILLER Commissioner 10 11 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) OF THE ARIZONA ELECTRIC DIVISION) 12 OF CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS DOCKET NO. E-01032C-00-0751 COMPANY TO CHANGE THE CURRENT 13 PURCHASED POWER AND FUEL ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE RATE, TO 14 ESTABLISH A NEW PURCHASED POWER AND FUEL ADJUSTMENT 15 CLAUSE BANK, AND TO REQUEST APPROVED GUIDELINES FOR THE 16 RECOVERY OF COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE ENERGY 17 RISK MANAGEMENT INITIATIVES. 18 19 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS 20 DOCKET NO. G-01032A-02-0598 COMPANY, ARIZONA GAS DIVISION, 21 FOR A HEARING TO DETERMINE THE FAIR VALUE OF ITS PROPERTIES FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES, TO FIX A 22 JUST AND REASONABLE RATE OF RETURN THEREON, AND TO APPROVE 23 RATE SCHEDULES DESIGNED TO PROVED SUCH RATE OF RETURN. 24 25



IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT APPLICATION OF CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY AND UNISOURCE ENERGY CORPORATION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE SALE OF CERTAIN ELECTRIC UTILITY AND GAS UTILITY ASSETS IN ARIZONA, THE TRANSFER OF CERTAIN CERTIFICATES OF CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FROM CITIZENS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY TO UNISOURCE ENERGY CORPORATION, THE APPROVAL OF THE FINANCING FOR THE TRANSACTIONS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

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JOINT APPLICANTS' RESPONSE TO SOUTHWEST GAS CORPORATION'S SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE

In its original Application for Intervention, Southwest Gas Corporation ("Southwest") candidly admitted that its real interest in this proceeding concerns the policies or precedents that might be set that could have an impact on future proceedings. Having been denied intervention on those grounds, Southwest now files a Supplemental Application seeking to pursue its interest in this proceeding by using the "hook" that it is a vendor/supplier for Tucson Electric Power ("TEP"). ¹ In other words, Southwest seeks intervention in this case because it sells natural gas to TEP under a Commission approved special retail contract. Southwest Gas implies, without any support, that it is concerned about TEP's ability to perform that special retail contract with TEP. This case is not the proper forum for addressing Southwest Gas' concerns about its special retail contract with

¹ Southwest also alleges that it is a customer of both TEP and Citizens, but it is clearly basing its intervention request on its role as a creditor/vendor of TEP.



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TEP. Indeed, any such concerns are addressed by the terms of the special retail contract and applicable tariff provisions. Southwest's Supplemental Intervention Application should be denied.

If the Commission is inclined to grant this Supplemental Intervention, Southwest's intervention should be limited to the TEP loan to UniSource.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 28th day of March, 2003.

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